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Today's Topics:

Coord. priority for open repeaters

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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Subject: Coord. priority for open repeaters
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keating@nosc.mil (Roger Keating) writes:

> jreese@sugar.NeoSoft.COM (Jim Reese) writes:
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> > By saying you're not welcome, do you mean you've asked to join and been
> > told "no", or that you've not joined and can't use the system because
> > you're not a member?
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> I meant that I am not permitted to use the machine because I am not a
> member of the group which sponsors it.
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> I am a member of several groups which sponsor repeaters which do not
> require that I be a member to use them. I support with my money and
> effort, the amateur community which supports open repeaters. We have
> many visitors to San Diego County, and some are hams. It is often the
> case that the visitors cannot use the UHF repeaters because they are

> not open repeaters. They sometimes remark about this, and I
> sympathize with them. Visitors are always welcome on all the
> repeaters I use, as long as they obey part 97 and behave in ways which
> are tolerable socially. Even when they are not tolerable, the
> repeaters stay open, but the QSO rate falls.

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> My point in saying I was not welcome had little to do with whether
> there is an opportunity for me to pursue access to the repeater, but
> everything to do with the fact that until I do, and am successful, I
> may not use the machines. Even then, with the recent clarification of
> repeater use rules, the FCC says I can only use the machine if the
> trustee says I can. What amateur radio has to do is be sure that the
> folks we provide that authority to by spectrum management agreement,
> satisfy the interests of the greatest majority of the licensees who
> occupy the region covered by the equipment.

You have it all wrong. The responsibility for the spectrum management people is to manage the spectrum. Not insure the 'interests' of any party over another. The only fair way to do that is, first come first serve. Protecting the 'greater good' is not an issue.

> The groups which provide
> such service are the ones I prefer to support with my dues and
> membership.

Ah! The one SINGLE way to ensure that the best groups survive. I have a hit, it is called Capitalism.

> Some people have very good reasons for keeping other hams off of their
> private equipment. I wish that the ratio of open and closed
> repeaters were a bit less distorted.

As well you might if your assement of your area is correct. But how about 904 or 1.2?

{much good commentary deleted to save bandwidth}

> I just don't like the way amateur radio frequencies are set aside as
> private frequencies.

Again you have it wrong. They are not 'private frequencies' they are coordinated frequencies. Organized to avoid confusion and mayhem, not to privatize the 'channel' but to make the most effecent use practial out of the limited spectrum we have.

> Don't tell me that there is nothing to not like

> because there are good reasons for the current spectrum allocation
> arrangements; I know the reasons and still don't like it. But there
> are plenty of things I don't like, and mostly I just tolerate it and
> get on with the day. In fact I think I'll do that now.
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> Roger Keating - KD6EFQ
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73,

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"No free man shall ever be de-barred the use of arms. The strongest
reason for the people to retain their right to keep and bear arms is
as a last resort to protect themselves against tyranny in government."

-Thomas Jefferson

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